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AMERICAN PRISON SYSTEM.

Severe Condemnation.

British Methods Advocated.

Addressing thousands of enthusiastic men and women assembled in the town of Auburn, State of New York, yesterday, says the New York correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" wiring on Dec. 18th, Mr. Thomas M. Osborne, the millionaire, chairman of the State Prison Reform Committee, earnestly advocated the adoption in the United States of a prison system modelled after that of Great Britain. Mr. Osborne, as reported in "The Daily Telegraph" a few months ago, underwent a week's voluntary imprisonment in the Auburn penitentiary, where he was treated in every respect like a common felon. So many stories of prison "graff" of the terrible hardships and brutal punishment inflicted on prisoners all over the country have been related by ex-convicts that the Governor of New York appointed a reform committee to investigate. Many of the charges, it was found, were justified, but Mr. Osborne, as chairman of the committee, decided that he could not recommend reforms unless he had had personal experience. His statement, published after his release, which was printed in "The Daily Telegraph" at the time, caused a great commotion in the United States, and a radical reform of the prison system is recognised in the United States as the nearest possible approach to perfection, and Mr. Osborne a few days ago returned from an exhaustive inspection of your prisons. His report will urge that the New York prisons should adopt the following reforms:

1. The indeterminate sentence, which will allow men to come out of prison when they feel that they are reformed and able to take up places of trust in society.
2. More capable officials for prisons. The present system degrades keepers and wardens.
3. More sanitary prisons, larger cells, better light, and no dark cells, as in England.
4. More humane treatment of prisoners.
5. Adoption of the reform idea of the English in place of the American punishment theory.
6. Graded system of punishment, as practised abroad.

Mr. Osborne characterised the present American prison system as "devilish, stupid, brutal, and inhuman."

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Appeal Court Decision.

Affirming a decision of Mr. Justice Joyce given in the action *Bubb v. The Law Society*, last July, the Court of Appeal recently unanimously decided that women are debarred from becoming solicitors, the main ground of the decision being that, under the common law, which is largely based on 17th century usage, they have never been admitted, and that the Solicitors Act, 1843, under which the claim was made, did not remove any existing disability. — "Daily Telegraph."

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By Order,
THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION,
W. S. NATHAN,
General Manager.

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FIRST DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned numbers of Debentures of the total value of £24,000 were drawn on the Twenty-seventh day of November, 1913, at the Office of the Company, No. 23 Austin Friars, in the City of London, in the presence of Walter Fitzjames Turner, one of the Directors, Alfred William Berry, Secretary of the Company, and John William Peter Jauralde, of 7/8 Great Winchester Street, London, E.C.1, Notary Public.

The said Debentures will be paid off at par on the 31st December, 1913, at either of the following places:

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The drawn Debentures, with Coupons Nos. 4 to 20 attached, must be left four clear days for examination.

By Order, ALFRED W. BERRY,

Counter-Signed, J. W. P. JAURALDE, Secretary.

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WIRELESS ON TRAINS.

English Companies and American Experiments.

The English railway companies have been following with interest the experiments with wireless telegraphy on trains which are being conducted in America.

The New York correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" records what is described as the first practical test of the apparatus on the Lackawanna railroad.

The Lackawanna Limited, the only train in the world, it is said, to carry wireless, was running at fifty miles an hour thirty miles east of Scranton, Pennsylvania, when a conductor of the train fell ill. A wireless message was sent ahead to Scranton, and when the train arrived there an emergency man was waiting, and the disabled conductor was able to leave his post and consult a physician without a minute being lost.

A representative of the "Pall Mall Gazette" made inquiries as to whether any English companies have made tests with wireless telegraphy on trains.

"At the present time," said the chief of the department concerned of a great railway company, "wireless telegraphy is in use on the West Somerset Mineral railway. It was installed by a wealthy Australian, named Austin, and is reported to work very well under the conditions existing on that particular line."

"Possibilities of wireless."

"The South-Western are also experimenting with it. As a matter of fact, the whole subject has been very carefully gone into, and there is a consensus of opinion that 'wireless' can do more than is done by the existing methods."

The Great Western authorities are not disposed to agree with Mr. L. B. Foley, the United States Superintendent of Telegraphs, in his prediction that the day is not far distant when every train and railway system of the world will be equipped with wireless.

"We pin our faith at present to the 'ramp' system," was the emphatic declaration of a representative of the company. "There are hundreds of these ramps, between Paddington and Reading, and an experience of six years shows they have never been known to fail. The ramp system gives audible and visual signals to the driver, and automatically applies the brakes in the event of the failure of the electric current."

The system explained.

The ramp system, it was explained, consists of an engine contact-shoe which is acted upon by a slightly convex stretch of line between the rails at the distant signals. If the signals are at "clear" a bell rings, but if against the train a siren sounds, and the brakes are automatically applied. The installation of wireless could do no more, it is declared.

"Are any other systems being investigated at present?" was asked.

"We are always investigating, and the railway companies all work together in such matters. Since the Algeciras disaster the Great Western have had hundreds of devices submitted to them."

"If at any time it was demonstrated that wireless would provide an additional safeguard against accidents the railway companies would be only too eager to take it up."

PRINCESS MARY HUNTING.

Meet at Sandringham.

Unusual interest attached to the day's hunting with the West Norfolk Hounds on Dec. 10, the meet having been arranged at Sandringham. Princess Mary has remained in Norfolk during the visit of their Majesties are paying to Chatsworth, and joined the large field which the occasion brought out. The King and Queen of Norway and the Crown Prince Olaf came to the meet from Appleton House, on some being very bright and animated when hounds were trotted off to draw the home cover.

A fox was found without delay, and afforded a capital run, with a point of four miles, before he was shot. Princess Mary, who was attended by General Bockleheim, was well up at the finish, and was presented by Colonel O. D. Seymour, the Master, with the brush. Several other foxes were roused in the day's cover, and before the day closed hounds achieved another kill.

It is said that twenty years had passed since last the hounds met at Sandringham.

The West Norfolk figures amongst the oldest hunts in the country, dating so far back as 1534, when Sir Thomas de Strangways was Master, and among his famous successors have been Sir Robert Walpole, Lord Townshend, Mr. Coke, of Holkham, Sir Jacob Astley, and, more recently, the Earl of Rothesay.

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THE PHOSPHORUS AND CURS.

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FAMOUS JOCKEY'S RETIREMENT.

Frank Wootton's Record.

It is not often that a jockey is compelled to retire from his profession at the age of twenty owing to increase of weight, but such is the fate of Frank Wootton, who will be seen in the saddle no more, says a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette." In his case, however, there is the compensating satisfaction that he has amassed a fortune of over £20,000 since he first donned the silk jacket in South Africa at the early age of ten years.

At that time he rode as a gentleman rider, as licenses are not granted in South Africa to lads until they are fourteen, but young Wootton succeeded in riding seventeen winners before he accompanied his father, the master of Treadwell House, Epsom, who heads the list of winning trainers with a score of 427,989, won by 66 horses, to this country eight years ago.

SOME COMPARISONS.

Since then he has been on the backs of 883 winners, his best season being in 1911, when he carried 187 times first past the post. This record falls far short of Fred Archer's great year—1885—when he rode 246 winners, and T. Loates in 1893 was first for 226 races.

Wootton's career has, however, been a remarkable one, as he has been at the head of the list of winning jockeys upon no fewer than four occasions, though, singularly enough, his luck in the classic races has not been great. The best horse he ever rode for one of these was undoubtedly his St. Leger winner, Epsom, whom an accident, which necessitated his being put out of training, alone prevented from developing into a Cup winner in the year succeeding his Doncaster victory.

Wootton also was on the back of Paddy when she won the Oaks, and has ridden Stodard in most of his races. That he would have achieved the summit of every jockey's ambition by winning the Derby this year had not Stodard been shut in is not only his belief, but that of many who saw the race, but fate ordained it otherwise. He won the Grand Prix de Paris last year on the French horse, Houli, and as a member of course a large number of other important races.

secret of success.

Probably the success as a jockey of Frank Wootton is mainly due to his perfect judging of pace, but he undoubtedly lost races, and incidentally got into trouble with the Stewards upon more than one occasion, by his over-eagerness to get possession of a good place on the rails. Perhaps his over-eagerness to get well away involved a loss of popularity with the starters, but the lad was a great jockey—one of the very greatest—and it is expecting too much to find an old head on young shoulders every time.

At all events few public riders have been the recipients of a higher recognition of their merits than Mr. Frank Wootton, when Lord Derby, in the course of a recent Turf trial, expressed a high opinion of his worth, and stated that when the lad had ceased to occupy the position of first jockey, to his stable, owing to his increase of weight, he had retained his services for special horses, and had presented him with a fifty-guinea cup as a mark of good work done.

THE FUTURE.

What the future may have in store for the youthful Australian is not definitely settled, but he is about to take a trip to his native country, and will then decide whether he will remain there permanently or not.

Probably he will return to this country and take his father's place at Treadwell House, Epsom, as trainer. If so, Mr. Wootton will doubtless give him his horses, but under any circumstances Frank Wootton should prosper in his new walk of life, as it will be remembered that before now he has been in charge of the establishment during the temporary absence of his father.

NEW CUNARD LINER.

The Cunard Steamship Company have placed a contract with Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson (Limited), Wallsend-on-Tyne, builders of the Mauritania, Franconia, and Laconia, for a new steamer for the Canadian trade, similar to the Andania and Alania.

The name of the new steamer is to be Andania.

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tonn.	Guns.	L.F.P.	Commander.	Last report on
Alacrity	despatch vessel	1650	3	8000	Comdr. Archibald Cochrane	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	1	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. S. Pritchard	Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	710	1	900	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darvall	Shanghai
Gadwall	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
Obelisk	torpedo boat destroyer	580	4	700	Lieut. H. T. England	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	391	—	300	—	Hongkong
Clie	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Goline	tender to boat destroyer	550	4	700	Lieut. M. B. Birtett	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	591	4	6700	Lieut. C. M. Blackman	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,599	10	20,500	Capt. M. E. Hill	Canton
Jod	torpedo boat destroyer	591	4	7000	Lieut. G. F. A. Mulock	Hongkong
Kennet	torpedo boat destroyer	591	4	7500	Lieut. E. K. Boddie-Whitham	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	114	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze River
Morlin	aloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. C. Passo	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Moorhen	river gunboat	130	1	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4900	12	23,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	1	240	Lieut.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze River
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lieut. R. W. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	930	—	1400	Lieut. F. A. N. Cromie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. T. A. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice E. Leslie	Yangtze River
Tamar	receiving ship	1550	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	river gunboat	180	1	800	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	1	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dorman	Hongkong
Triumph	battle ship	11,383	18	12,500	Capt. P. Stratfield, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Barrett	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
Yarmouth	light cruiser	3250	—	23,000	Capt. H. L. Cochrane	Shanghai
C.36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. J. McGillivray	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Gaines	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
C.35	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
C.36	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Barton	West River
C.37	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	West River
C.38	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

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morely to a limited, super-cultivated public, the public of the stage societies and the intellectual circles. Quite the contrary. "Funny's First Play," a literary satire if ever there was one, seems gifted with eternal youth, and is constantly being revived after a longer run than that of most full-blooded melodramas and musical comedies. And now we have Mr. Granville Barker setting out on a short season at the St. James's Theatre with a programme that makes no concessions to the groundlings, but, on the contrary, is made up of such severe items as Ibsen's "The Wild Duck," Mr. Massfield's sombre and powerful "Nan," Moliere's "Le Mariage Forcé," "The Witch," "The Doctor's Dilemma," and other things that appeal to an intelligent and discriminating audience. And we have no doubt that the audience will be attracted, and that Mr. Barker's venture will succeed as well as his former attempts to provide for those playgoers who take the drama seriously, and want thought as well as thrills, a sincere view of life rather than an occasion for easy and vacuous laughter.

The experiment is interesting also because it is an attempt at providing that repertory theatre which is desiderated by all who are interested in the art of the stage. If we are to have the best acting and the best drama we must have a theatre which changes its programme frequently. The performance of the same piece seven or eight times a week for a year or more may make the fortune of a manager and a dramatist, but it does not conduce to good acting or good writing, or to the creation of a really critical and highly trained public taste. For these objects we need what the repertory system alone can supply—frequent changes of programme, the production of many fine pieces, new and old, the elasticity and flexibility which actors can only acquire by the study of many and diverse parts. This is what the public of many Continental cities obtain through their national or municipal theatres. The difficulty is to establish it without a subvention of some kind; for obviously the long run, if it can be secured, pays better than the varied programme. It is with this purpose that the attempt is being made to commemorate the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death by the foundation of a national memorial theatre with an ample endowment fund. The aim of the promoters is not limited to providing for regular performances at frequent intervals of all Shakespeare's dramas that are capable of being performed. They hope also that the National Theatre will produce from time to time most of the other classic plays of our literature, the best examples of the foreign "dramm," too; and the most noteworthy specimens of the art of living writer. If we can witness, say, "King John" or "Measure for Measure" one evening, Schiller, or Racine the next, and Sir Arthur Pinero or Mr. Henry Arthur Jones the next, we shall be as well off as they are in Vienna or Munich. But then it has to be frankly admitted that some of these works would not be remunerative, at least for more than one or two performances: the "classic" writers will not draw full houses for long, and without the subvention or the endowment fund no manager would care to take the risk of producing them. Yet even under the existing conditions of mercantileism a well-chosen repertory can be made to pay its way. This has been proved at Manchester, Glasgow, and Dublin, and even in London it was proved by Messrs. Barker and Vedrenne in their famous joint management of the Court Theatre. So we get back to the fundamental proposition: for sound and interesting work on the stage there is always a demand, there is an audience "fit" and not by any means too "few" to fill a moderate-sized theatre for a reasonable number of nights. Even if the National Theatre never manages to get itself and its endowment fund established we ought to be able to have our permanent repertory theatre in London; and if intelligently conducted, with sufficient regard to the more excusable weaknesses of human nature, it might well be a commercial as well as an artistic success. There is no occasion to despair of the literary drama—in spite of the music-halls and the cinematograph, which latter indeed is more likely to become its valued ally than its dangerous rival.

DEATH.

BANKER.—At the Peak Hospital, this morning, STRAIN, beloved wife of GEORGE BANKER of Wuchow, in her 40th year. The funeral will pass the monument at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Hongkong Volunteers go into Camp. "Court Cards" at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, January 11.—9 a.m.—Ex.ursion to Macao.
THURSDAY, January 15.—Concert at St. James's Hall.
FRIDAY, January 16.—9 p.m.—Engineers' Ball at City Hall.
SATURDAY, January 17.—Entries close for Hongkong Races.
MONDAY, January 19.—Non.—H.M. Sir Henry May presents prizes at Queen's College.
WEDNESDAY, January 21.—Annual Sports of H. K. S. B. R. G. A. M. S. C. Ground, Kowloon.
FRIDAY, January 23.—Volunteer Ball.
MONDAY, January 26.—China's New Year Day.
SATURDAY, February 7.—9.15 p.m.—Philharmonic Society's Concert.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1914.

THE DRAMA IN ENGLAND.

REVIEWING the drama in England, and especially in London, during the past year some interesting facts are revealed. The pessimists who declare that the public cares only for vulgarity and lubricity at the theatres are being constantly confuted by the fact accomplished. While they are lamenting their loudest that nobody wants good plays, managers are finding that a really good play never wants an audience. What piece of really fine quality, be that quality artistic, literary, emotional, or comic, has failed to attract during the past few years? At the present moment, besides the throng of "revues" and tango ballets and girls from Somewhere or other, we have some dramas, composed by capable playwrights and distinguished literary men, which have every claim to attention. With Mr. Bernard Shaw, Mr. Arnold Bennett, Sir J. M. Barrie, Mr. Louis Parker, not to mention Tolstoy and Ibsen, represented simultaneously at various London theatres, we cannot admit that the association between literature and the stage has been severed. As a fact it has not been so close for more than a hundred years. For the catalogue just given no parallel could be found, so far as we know, at any time since the eighteenth century, when some of the foremost poets, novelists, and essayists—Addison, Steele, Otway, Fielding, Sheridan, Goldsmith—were also writers for the stage. In the Victorian age the great authors, with a few exceptions, kept aloof from the theatre, or, if they wrote plays, failed to get them produced. Dickens, Thackeray, Charles Reade, George Eliot, Charlotte Brontë were not playwrights. Their successors in the intellectual line are dramatic authors. Mr. Galsworthy, Mr. Maugham, Mr. W. G. Sebald, Mr. Zangwill, Mr. H. G. Wells, most of our best novelists, work for the theatres as well as the libraries. And they do not appear

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A summary of home news from the London "Daily Telegraph" of 19th ult. will be found on page 4.

The police are seeking the owner of a brown canvas coat, which was found and taken to the Central Police Station.

H.M.S. Newcastle is going out to Mirs Bay on Monday, and on the 15th instant will leave for Shanghai. H.M.S. Yarmouth leaves Shanghai four days later for Hongkong.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 27 amounted to 54,263.56 tons, and the sales during the period, to 37,307.06 tons.

The ninth annual dinner for the poor and invalids, initiated by the members of the "Catholic Union," will be held on Sunday next at the Wanchai Convent between 5 and 5.30.

Kan Chai, who is accused of the murder of his brother, Kan Hop, on the Jubilee Road in June, was committed by the magistrate yesterday for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Lance-Corpl. Pitt, R.A.M.C., of the Military Hospital, has reported to the police that in Forder Street yesterday he lost from his pocket an official envelope containing 25 10s. worth of government health insurance stamps.

The R. E. Quadrille Club held a Dance in the R. E. Theatre, Queen's Road, last night. There was gratifying attendance and a good programme was gone through. Messrs. Jenkins (piano) and Elliott (piano) provided excellent music. Corpl. Coxon was the M.C.

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. at the Conference Hall, General, for the purpose of electing a new President. Both active and honorary members are cordially invited to attend.

Referring to the China tea market at Hong, Messrs. Lloyd, Matheson and Carrut in their Weekly Tea Report of 11th ult. state that about 1,000 packages of Black-tea were offered at auction yesterday, but only a small proportion changed hands at easy rates. The private market is extremely quiet, which is usual before the holidays, but the deliveries of Congou for November show a distinct improvement, and the stock is much smaller than same time last year.

In the International match Wales v. Ireland at Wrexham, on Jan. 19, the following will represent Wales.—Peters (Wolverhampton Wanderers); L. Davies (Wrexham) and Lloyd Davies (Northampton); Hughes (Manchester City), Peake (Liverpool), J. T. Jones (Stoke), Meredith (Manchester United), Evan Jones (Bolton Wanderers), Davis (Millwall), Lot Jones (Manchester City), and Vizard (Bolton Wanderers).

At College Park, Dublin, on Dec. 18th, a keen game ended in a victory for Edinburgh University over Dublin University, the visitors scoring a goal and 2 tries to 2 tries. The pace throughout was excellent, and there was little to choose between the teams, for if the winners did well behind, the Irish pack. Quinn opened the scoring for Dublin, but Gregg failed with the place-kick, following which Edinburgh took the lead with tries by Tommy and Adkins, one of which Fuller converted. In the second half, Tommy scored another unconverted try, and near the close Quinn replied for Dublin.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. S. H. Michael left yesterday by the German Mail for a holiday in England.

The death occurred this morning at the Peak Hospital of Mrs. Barker, the wife of Mr. George Barker, a well-known merchant at Wuchow, and the owner of the motor boat service plying between Wuchow and Nanning.

At the Union Church yesterday the marriage was quietly solemnized of Mr. Walker Wier, of Taihook Dock, and Miss Annie Watt, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watt, of Niagara Falls and late of Glasgow. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated, and the bride was attended by Mrs. McQuibbin as matron of honour, while Mr. Austin was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Wier are spending their honeymoon at Macao.

The marriage took place yesterday at St. Andrews Church Kowloon, of Miss Ethel Myrtle Wilks, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wilks, of Newport, Monmouth, and Mr. Leonard le Breton, of Messrs. Alex. Bosc and Co. The Rev. O. B. Pope was the officiating clergyman, the bride was attended by Miss Eva Peckham as bridesmaid, and Mr. Clement C. Hickling was best man. The honeymoon is being spent in Canton.

GROUP.

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HONGKONG SUPREME COURT.

THE "CHINA OUTLOOK" CASE.

In this case, it will be remembered, plaintiff claims \$1,000, being amount due for goods supplied and work done, and there is a counter-claim by the defendant for \$1,000, for plaintiff's wrongful refusal and neglect to print the paper.

Mr. Norington (from the office of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. M. Reeder Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Onist).

Yesterday, Mr. C. H. Lee, editor of the "China Outlook," gave evidence on the lines of his solicitor's opening statement, and was cross-examined by Mr. Norington.

He was further cross-examined when the case was called on this morning.

At the outset, Mr. Harris referred to the question of damages, which he said he proposed to prove in this manner:

He would show what the loss would have been if the paper had run, and what the loss had been through the paper not being brought out, and get the difference. He was entitled to be put in the position he would have been in if the plaintiff had performed his contract. Also he was quite willing that the question of damages should be referred to the Registrar, and he thought that would shorten the case.

In reply to Mr. Norington, witness said the overprints of Lee and Co. on June 1st, was 7,007. That was subsequently reduced to \$1,000 odd. The firm was now in credit with the International Bank, and did a fair amount of business.

Can you swear that on the 1st November, 1913, you had a sum of \$2,000 in the International Bank and the Netherlands Bank?—The books are not made up, so I cannot swear.

Considering the position of Lee and Co. and the "China Outlook," did your assets exceed your liabilities on November 13th?—Our assets infinitely exceeded our liabilities.

And is your position substantially the same to-day?—Substantially the same.

Referring to the printing of the paper, witness said he first approached the "China Mail," and the Oriental Printing Co., but subsequently came to an arrangement with Man Shing.

The delay in bringing out the paper was then referred to, and Mr. Norington said: Do you know, I could bring out an eight-page paper within a week?

Witness: I'm glad to know that. Mr. Norington objected to witness using the word "we" in answer to questions.

His Lordship: He's using the editorial "we." I don't see any objection to that.

Mr. Norington: We are not allowed to use it.

After hearing further evidence, his Lordship reserved judgment.

CHARGE AGAINST A SCHOOL BOY.

Frederick Prochund, 14, a Portuguese school boy was charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's court this morning with unlawfully plucking flowers and foliage in the Botanical Gardens, and doing damage to the extent of 80 cents.

A very intelligent Chinese policeman stated that he saw defendant plucking leaves and warned him that this was not allowed. Defendant thereupon used an offensive Chinese term to him, so he arrested him.

Defendant denied that he plucked flowers. His version of the affair being that the lunking teased some Portuguese children who were with him, they "had some words about it" and the lunking arrested him. He complained that he was roughly handled by the constable.

Inspector Fenton, who was in charge of the case, told the Magistrate that the lad was very impudent to him in the charge room. He said the police had no right to arrest him as he was a gentleman.

Remarking that there was a doubt about the case, his Worship discharged the defendant, and after engaging in conversation with one of defendant's friends, a girl, asked the lad if he wished to take out a summons against the lunking for assault. The lad said he did, and was referred to the clerk.

The leaves which defendant is alleged to have plucked were produced in court.

NEW MOTOR LINER FOR EAST ASIATIC COMPANY.

On Dec. 18 took place the trial trip of the new motor liner Fionia, built by Burmeister and Wain's shipyard, for the East Asiatic Company. The Fionia has the largest horse-power motors in the world, namely, 4,000, and has a speed of fourteen to fifteen knots. The motors are on the four-cycle system, to which Burmeister and Wain's added the more so as they obtained splendid results with those already built. For instance, the motor vessel Siam, which, according to a telegram received to-day, has just finished a trip from Antwerp to Chili round Cape Horn of forty-two days and 10,000 miles without a single stoppage of her motors.

A distinguished party, including Princess Axel and Asge of Denmark, Lloyd's representatives, and many shipping experts from England, Russia, Scandinavia, Germany, Holland, and Hungary, and many foreign diplomats, were aboard the Fionia on Dec. 18th. The ship was to leave on Dec. 19th for East Asia, but before leaving Europe will visit Middlesbrough, Antwerp, and Genoa.

SPORTING.

A'SOCIATION FOOTBALL.

78th Coy., R.G.A. v. 88th Coy., R.G.A. These teams played at Stonecutters Island yesterday in connection with the R. A. Cup. A keen game was anticipated.

Teams:—78th Coy., R.G.A.—Marsh; Dougherty, McCubbin; Murphy, Westbrook, Delaney, Dallman, Martin, Shakespeare, Cartwright, Harper.

88th Coy., R.G.A.—Moore; Caple, Pallant; Buckland, Stanley, Townsend; Draper, Court, Watson, Swan, Faulkner.

The opening play was contested at a fast pace. Martin and Shakespeare were prominent in the home forward line and gave the opposing backs plenty to think about. Buckland was the only half-back of 88th Coy. who acquitted himself well, Stanley failing to give his forwards any support. On the other side Westbrook was always pulling the opposing forwards up and giving his own plenty of the ball. Martin was on the mark with a neat shot that Moore fisted away and Buckland getting play to the other end McCubbin upset Watson's calculations. Marsh said a centre from a Faulkner and again from Swan before Dougherty relieved. Pallant and Caple were over-worked at the opposite end and before the interval there were signs of bad feeling entering into the game, which the Referee failed to put a stop to. The teams changed ends without either having scored.

In the second half, the game was as vigorous as ever and the players were not kept well in hand. After a rapid centre by Draper that Dougherty put to safety, the 87th forwards were off to the other end and Shakespeare capped some fine play by netting what proved to be the only goal. This kept things at almost fever heat and assisted by the vocal support of the spectators both teams kept up the pace wonderfully. There were more signs of bad feeling and an official referee being in charge more than one player might have received marching orders. The Victoria gunners made several attempts to equalise matters but they were up against a defence that did not stand on ceremony and cleared their lines at almost any cost. On two occasions the 87th Coy. nearly added to the score but narrowly missed. The end came with the result:—

87th Coy., R.G.A., 1. 88th Coy., R.G.A., 0.

Hongkong Cricket Club.

The following will represent the Club against the R.G.A. in the League on Saturday 10th January, on the club ground; play to commence at 2 p.m. The Officers of the R.G.A. will be "at home" in their friends during the afternoon.—B. Hancock (Captain), R. N. Anderson, C. O. Clarke, A. A. Clark, P. H. Cobb, E. C. Elmore, D. E. Donnelly, R. Kennedy, S. S. Moore, T. E. Pearce, and A. P. Thurfield.

Rifle League.

THE BELLIES CHALLENGE SHIELD.

A beginning in the league matches for this trophy is expected to take place some time this month, when probably teams will be entered by H.M.S. Minotaur, Hampshire, Newcastle, H. M. Dockyard Rifle Club, Talk & Rifle Club, H. K. Police and Volunteer B. services.

The Volunteer Reserve team will be captained by Mr. J. A. Lyon of the Sanitary Dept. and there is every promise that the Reserves will finish higher up the table this year, though it is a matter for regret, from the Reserves standpoint, that several of their best shots will shoot for other units with which they are more closely associated.

League teams consist of eight men who must be bona fide members of the particular club or unit for which they shoot, and no man can shoot for more than one unit.

Each team fires one match with every other team entered.

The team which wins the most matches holds the Bellies Shield for a year, the name of the club is engraved on the shield, and each of the eight men in the team is presented with a silver medal or badge.

The conditions are the usual King's First Stage as at Blaisy, viz. eight shots (including one eighth) at each of the three distances 200, 300 and 600 yards.

Aperture sights are allowed but scores made with them are subject to a reduction of 4 per cent.

The Rifle League was formed three years ago and is open to all Service and Civilian units or clubs.

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LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Mr. P. C. Potts received the following share quotations by cable from London this morning:—

Shells ("Bearers")	2	17	6
Ural Caspian	2	3	6
Mexican Eagles	1	18	0
Kailans	1	17	6
Troikos	1	17	6
Palmage	9	0	8
Indos (Combined)	10	0	8
Electric Trans.			

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

TYPIST ATTACKED IN KOWLOON.

At the Magistrate's court this morning, before Mr. Wood, two Chinese were charged with committing a highway robbery at Kowloon on January 4.

Miss M. Britto, a typist living at 25, Seymour Road, was the complainant. She stated that at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, she was walking in Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the direction of the Star Ferry carrying upon her arm a black hand-bag containing various articles including a silver purse, some stamps, and some coins and a Star Ferry ticket.

When she reached the junction of Nathan Road and Salisbury Road a man attacked her from behind, seizing her by the left arm and threw her down, at the same time snatching the bag. Before witness could get up the man had run away in the direction from which she came. Witness went back to the friends who had been waiting, as all her money had been taken. No report was made to the police.

On the following day she went to the Water Police Station and identified the bag and some of the articles contained in it when it was snatched.

Inspector Mursion, who was in charge of the case, stated that the silver purse had not been recovered.

From further evidence given it appears that one of the defendants was arrested by a Chinese watchman, who saw him scaling the wall of Hidi's garden. The watchman waited for him to drop down and saw him throw down Miss Britto's bag. The second man was arrested upon information given by the first defendant.

Defendants were committed for trial at Criminal Sessions.

The first defendant, who was arrested with the bag in his possession, stated that the other man snatched the bag and gave him the money.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN RETIRES FROM PARLIAMENT.

UNIVERSAL TRIBUTES OF PRAISE.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The Right Hon. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., P.C., has sent a letter to his constituents in which he states that he has decided to retire from Parliament at the next General Election.

He emphasises his regret in severing his thirty-seven years connection with the constituency of West Birmingham, but states that it needs the services of a younger man to take an active part in the Parliamentary struggle.

The news caused the greatest surprise and regret in Birmingham. It is announced that Mr. Chamberlain's health is no worse.

Newspapers of all shades of opinion pay whole-hearted tributes to Mr. Chamberlain's greatness and his wonderful influence on his generation.

Universal Appreciation.

World wide messages are arriving in appreciation of Mr. Chamberlain's services.

[Notes:—The Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, P.C., LL.D., B.C.L., F.R.S., J.P., M.P., had represented West Birmingham since 1866. Since 1905, however, he had, owing to a serious breakdown in health, been unable to attend to his Parliamentary duties. He is now in his seventy-ninth year, and though mentally active his physical condition is still the cause of much anxiety. Mr. Chamberlain was ever a strenuous politician, and for many years an ardent Liberal and supporter of the late Mr. Gladstone. He was one of the leading Liberal Unionists at the time of the Home Rule crisis, and later, was the protagonist of Tariff Reform movement. He was one of the best debaters in the House of Commons and a platform orator of considerable power. As a statesman, his chief merit probably lies in the work he performed as Secretary for the Colonies. His mind is much more practical than powerful, and within certain limits, he proved himself to be one of the most effective and trenchant Parliamentarians of the age.—Ed.]

THE HOME RULE CONTROVERSY.

Futile Settlement Negotiations.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The Morning Post states that conversations between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law in regard to Home Rule have practically ended, and that negotiations for a settlement of the question have failed, as Mr. Asquith is unable to concede the demand for even the temporary exclusion of Ulster from the Bill.

SOUTH AFRICAN LABOUR TROUBLES.

Another Strike Threatened.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

A telegram from Pretoria states that at a meeting of railwaymen, it was resolved to strike at midnight to-night, as a result of the refusal of the Government to comply with the demands in reference to the retrenchment of the staff.

At a meeting of the coal miners in Durban, it was resolved not to resume work until the full demands had been granted.

A Johannesburg telegram states that General Botha, the Premier, in the course of a speech, announced that a Bill would be introduced in the forthcoming Session of the South African Parliament, to protect the men who were willing to work, from molestation by the strikers.

THE "OKLAHOMA" DISASTER.

Further Details.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The steamer Gregory rescued five survivors of the Oklahoma, which met with disaster in the storm on the east coast of the United States. The Captain got the Gregory to the lee side of the lifeboat, hoping thereby that the giant waves would wash the latter on to the Gregory's deck. When the lifeboat drifted near, with six men clinging to her, the craft capsized, scattering the men into the sea.

Two mates of the Gregory at once plunged into the sea to swim to the boat. Ropes were thrown to them, and they worked for two hours before they were able to get the men aboard. Huge waves repeatedly dashed them against the side of the steamer, tearing the survivors out of their grasp.

The sixth man was frozen to death, and when the two gallant rescuers were brought alongside they were in a critical condition as the result of exposure.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AVIATION IN THE SOUDAN.

FROM CAIRO TO KHARTOUM.

LONDON, Jan. 8.

A telegram from Cairo states that M. Pourpre arrived at Luxor and started for Wadi Halfa. As he passed Assuan there were tourists on the roofs of the hotels and all the natives were watching in amazement the first aeroplane in that part of the country.

A later telegram states that M. Pourpre arrived at Wadi Halfa having covered the three hundred miles at a speed of seventy miles an hour.

Mr. Maclean has started for Khartoum in a hydroplane.

THE ZABERN AFFAIR.

Attitude of the Crown Prince Criticized.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

A telegram from Berlin states that interest in the Zabern-affair has shifted from the trial of Colonel Reuter to the Crown Prince's telegram, which were sent, not to Colonel Reuter, but to the General Commanding the Forces in Alsace.

The Liberal Press sharply criticises the Crown Prince's habit of intervening in public affairs.

Officers Mobbed.

As Colonel Reuter and other officers were leaving the Court Martial they were mobbed. They sought refuge in a tram car.

Zabern Official's Evidence.

LATER.

Another telegram from Strasbourg states that Herr Mueller, a high Government official at Zabern testified to work that Colonel Reuter told him he was resolved to prevent standing about, that he would not allow the people to laugh, and that he would shoot if necessary.

Colonel Reuter confirmed to Herr Mueller that machine guns were kept in readiness during the troubles in November, and said that he was obliged to be ready for eventualities.

LANDSLIDE AT CONDUIT ROAD.

Firmman's Fruitless Journey.

A large force of European, Indian and Chinese police and firemen made a hurried climb to Conduit Road yesterday afternoon in response to a message which stated that a large number of Chinese had been buried in a landslide. They arrived only to find that the report was greatly exaggerated, and that their services were not required.

The message reached the Central Police Station at about 2.40, and practically all the firemen on duty at the Central Fire Station went post haste to the scene of the tragedy on the motor fire-engine, closely followed by reinforcements from the Central Police Station. The motorists thought having to take a long route to avoid stiff gradients won by a short head, but the excitement of their speedy ride to do deeds of daring speedily evaporated when they saw the small heap of earth which had fallen on a new building site which is being prepared close to Mr. Mody's house. Of buried Chinese there were none, and not a word or three Press representatives who had hastened to the spot the firemen and police retraced their steps to the routine duties awaiting them below.

In all about forty firemen, policemen and others turned out. It appears that the rocks and workmen were at tiffin when the earth fell, so the sender of the message must have had a vivid imagination.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

MUSKETRY.

The Standard Test will be carried out at King's Park Range on the following dates, and members are particularly requested to attend on one of the three days allotted: Saturday 10th at 2.30 p.m., Sunday 11th at 2.30 a.m., and Saturday 17th at 2.30 p.m.

FIELD DAY.

A field day in conjunction with the Volunteers will take place on Sunday the 12th instant. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 8.30 a.m. Dress: Uniform with Rifles. Tiffin will be provided in Volunteer Camp at Hang H u.

DRILLS.

Drills will be suspended on Thursday the 8th and 15th instant.

CLUB.

With reference to Circular re. Camp. As only a very few members have notified their intention of being present during the week-end, an arrangement will be made for members to attend Camp.

ACTION BY A CHAFFEUR.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before his Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), S. A. Rashood sued J. H. N. Mody to recover the sum of £104, being as to £20 for the balance of wages for the month of November, 1913, and as to £73 for damages for wrongful dismissal of the plaintiff as chauffeur to the defendant.

A statement of defence was filed where the defendant said the plaintiff was engaged at £70, and not £75 per month. Plaintiff was not dismissed, but wrongfully left defendant's service, in that he failed to give one month's notice to put an end to the said service. On September 9th plaintiff agreed that he was ready and willing to be fined \$10 every time he was absent from duty. He absented himself from duty on the 20th, 21st and 28th November without consent, and contrary to the terms of his agreement, thereby subjecting himself to fines to the sum of \$30. Defendant claimed to see off this amount against the plaintiff's claim, which he admitted to be due, and counter-claimed for \$6.

Mr. P. S. Sykes (for Mr. Mody), Wilkenson (for Mr. Rashood) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. H. Gardner represented the defendant.

Mr. Dixon: The claim for wages is admitted by the defendant, but he says he has a right to deduct certain fines. He alleges that instead of being dismissed the plaintiff let his employment of his own accord. In those circumstances I think the claim lies on my friend, and he must open.

Mr. Gardner: It is for the plaintiff to prove that he was dismissed.

His Lordship: That is the issue.

Mr. Dixon: The issue is the wages, first of all. I am claiming \$25 for the wages, which it is admitted to be entitled to except for these fines. In that case the claim of establishing these fines lies on the defendant.

His Lordship: \$24 is admitted.

Mr. Gardner: And part of plaintiff's claim is a further \$73 for wrongful dismissal.

His Lordship thought it would be more convenient to take the whole thing together, and suggested that Mr. Dixon should begin.

Mr. Dixon was of opinion that it would save time if Mr. Gardner began, as he might not have to ask a lot of witnesses. On the wages question he had nothing to prove except as regards the \$3.

His Lordship: The greater part of your claim is for damages.

Mr. Dixon: Yes.

His Lordship: I think you had better start.

Mr. Dixon said the plaintiff was a chauffeur in Mr. Mody's employ and received a salary of \$70 a month. Last November the defendant purchased a second car from Dr. Kew, and as the plaintiff would have to look after two cars, raised his wages to \$75. During November plaintiff drew about \$46 in advances, leaving a sum of \$26 due.

His Lordship: How long had he been serving his master?

Mr. Dixon replied that he had been in the defendant's employ for several months. On December 1st plaintiff went to ask for the balance of his wages, and was informed that he would be paid by and by. He went to Mr. Mody's coach day, till December 4th, when the defendant turned round and told him that he would not require him any longer as he was going to England shortly. Regarding the fines, plaintiff never agreed to the suggestion that he should be fined \$10 every time he was absent from duty; his salary was only \$70. He knew nothing about these fines until the statement of defence was received, in which the question was raised. It was alleged that he was absent three days, and a sum of \$30 was deducted from his wages. In England that would be illegal, and Mr. Dixon did not think the Truck Act applied here.

His Lordship: At home, could not a master agree with a servant with regard to fines?

Mr. Dixon: With a domestic servant, but a chauffeur comes under the heading of a worker.

His Lordship: How about a man who drives a private car, is not he a domestic servant?

Mr. Dixon: He may be, but not a man who uses skill to repair a car, and I don't think the Truck Act applies here. Defendant worked on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th December, and left in consequence of being dismissed.

Evidence was called, and the case was proceeding when we went to press.

NEW STEAMERS FOR THE SHIRE LINE.

The new twin screw steamer Carnarvonshire which Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co. have been constructing for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, was launched on December 18th, from their yard at Belfast. A fine modelled twin-screw vessel, of 3,360 gross register, the Carnarvonshire is fitted with all the latest appliances for this important trading route. She is a sister ship to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Cardiganshire, which was to sail from London on the 18th Dec. About the middle of March she will take up her position in the Straits, China, Japan, and North Pacific service.

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SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, Dec. 18.

The victory of Edinburgh University over Cambridge University was as unexpected as it was gratifying. It was a triumph of soundness over erratic and spasmodic brilliance. Of course it is easy to find excuses for the defeated. The removal of the tension of preparation for the Oxford match probably resulted in a certain laxity; and they were not their full strength, such giants of the game as Cumberland, Lewis, and Greenwood were all absent. Against this disadvantage must be placed the fact that Edinburgh University were compelled to play without Brownlie during part of the first half and the whole of the second half. Apparently the Cambridge forwards were strong, as six regulars and one old Blue were included among them. Yet they failed miserably. Big, and beefy, they appeared capable of overwhelming their smaller and more compactly built opponents; but they failed to play up to appearances. They packed loosely, and in the open could not control the ball. On the other hand, the Edinburgh eight were admirable in the loose; they were dashing, and yet kept fine command of the ball. Indeed, it was their rushes which were the determining factor in the game. They quite upset the Cambridge backs, who were not impressive either in defence or attack. They passed recklessly at times, and their tendency to defend by initiating an attack resulted in two scores being given to their opponents. They simply would not go down to the ball. The Edinburgh backs provided a fine contrast; they were modest in their advances. Their marking was splendid and their tackling hard and accurate. No member of the Cambridge team enhanced his reputation. Neither Blair nor Symington was so good as Ross, Campbell, or Arnot. The halves were poor in comparison with Lawson and Falmy. The Cambridge third line was disappointing; De Villiers was far below his form. Love seemed to have great faith in his running power, which were, however, too often used for merely getting from one touch line to the other. Will, who received few opportunities, was the most dependable of the Cambridge backs.

RESULTS.

South of Scotland, 14; North, 11.
Edin. Univ. 23; Cambridge Univ. 6.
Glas. Academicals, 19; Border XV, 3.
Watsonians, 19; Stowartians, 3.
West of Scot., 16; Institution F.P., 3.
Edin. Wanderers, 21; Edin. Acad., 12.
Glasgow H.S., F.P., 9; Glas. Univ., 6.
R.H.S., 8; Harlequins, 0.
Greenock Wanderers, 8; Kew, Acad., 0.
Royston, 38; Perthshire, 3.
Fettes, 29; United Colleges, 0.
Glasgow Academy, 18; R.H.S., 8.
Watson's, 17; Glenhead, 0.

SCOTTISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Watsonians	9	7	1	1	1
Hawick	10	8	1	1	1
Edin. University	8	5	1	2	1
Greenock Wanderers	6	4	1	1	1
Glasgow Acad.	11	8	9	2	1
Hillhead H.S.	8	0	2	1	2
Heriot's	10	6	3	1	3
Jedforest	9	6	0	3	0
Kilsno	6	2	3	1	3
Edin. Acad.	9	5	4	0	4
Stewart's (F.P.)	9	5	4	0	4
Edin. Wanderers	10	6	4	0	4
Metros	10	6	4	1	4
Edin. Inst.	8	1	4	3	4
R.H.S.	11	5	1	5	1
Gala	10	5	5	0	0
Glasgow Univ.	9	3	5	1	5
Langholm	6	1	5	0	0
West of Scot.	9	2	6	1	6
Clydesdale	0	1	6	2	0
Solihull	0	2	7	0	7
Glas. High Sch.	11	2	7	2	7
Kelvinhead Acad.	10	1	7	2	7

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ASSOCIATION.

Celtic maintained their leading place in the Association League, and although they could only claim a goal advantage over Raith Rovers, they were greatly superior in every sense. From the outset Hearts were prominent, and while Kilmarnock in the first half put up a fair fight, they were outplayed in the end. Rangers easily mastered Falkirk, and should have shown a bigger score. The outstanding feature of the day was the decisive defeat of Motherwell by Queen's Park; the amateurs were positively brilliant in the last half hour, and made hacks of their opponents.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.
Rangers, 3; Falkirk, 2.
Airdrieonians, 8; Dundee, 0.
Third Lanark, 4; Ayr United, 2.
Clyde, 1; Aberdeen, 0.
Dumbarton, 2; St. Mirren, 1.
Hibernian, 0; Hamilton Academicals, 0.
Morton, 1; Partick Thistle, 0.
H. of Mid-Lothian, 0; Kilmarnock, 0.
Queen's Park, 8; Motherwell, 1.
Celtic, 2; Raith Rovers, 1.

SECOND DIVISION.
Dunfermline Athl., 2; St. Bernard, 1.
Johnstone, 0; Leith, 1.
E. Shirlingshire, 2; St. Johnstone, 2.
Abercorn, 0; Cowdenbeath, 0.
Arthurlie, 2; Vale of Leven, 0.
SCOTTISH QUALIFYING CUP—FINAL.
Abercorn, 1; Dundee Hibernian, 1.

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CHARGE OF SWINDLING SHOPKEEPERS.

FOREIGN YOUTHS IN THE DOCK.

Edinburgh, Dec. 18.

Joseph Kelly, 20, an Australian, of no fixed abode, and three prisoners, Louis John Baxter, 25, an Englishman, unemployed, of 6 Chin Shing Lane, Wanchoi, and Sam Ben Homan, 19, an American described as a Stockbroker, of no fixed abode, were brought up in custody before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's Court, and charged with the larceny of a large quantity of goods from various shopkeepers in the colony by means of a trick, and with conspiracy to defraud. There were twelve charges in all, some being for attempted larceny, and the goods comprised shirts, silk goods, a Manx coat, some dozens of silk handkerchiefs and a clock, clothes, neckties, and other articles of wearing apparel, and other trunks. They pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Lai Chun Cheung, of 13 Queen's Road Central, master of the Sun Moow shop, stated that on December 24th at about 4 p.m. four men, including the three prisoners, went in and asked the price of leather trunks and asked to buy four large and three small ones, and four pairs of slippers at a cost of \$71.50. They agreed to fetch the things later in the afternoon, and half an hour afterwards the defendant Kelly returned and asked the all the articles purchased should be sent away with "my" other men sent two folk to carry the goods. When the folk returned between 5 and 6 o'clock they brought with them two big trunks two small ones, and three pairs of slippers, and said that after they had given Kelly the other things he disappeared. Witness went to the police station during the evening to make a report, and did not see the defendants again until about a week later, when he identified four men at the police station. His identification of the fourth man was a mistake. When they ordered the goods Kelly said they would pay cash on delivery. He had not been paid for any of the goods.

Kelly said he did not go into the shop when the trunks were ordered. He was there on December 22nd or 23rd and on the 24th went to fetch the trunks at the request of the fourth man (who escaped from police custody).

Case proceeding.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, December 18.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.
He had no doubt that India, ruled by our civil servants in their various departments, and occupied by our British Army, was absolutely safe and secure; but it rested with great home not to implant distrust, not to do things calculated to destroy our prestige in the eyes of the natives of India. Such was the summing up by Lord Lamington, as Governor of Bombay, of a speech on India in relation to present day politics, delivered to the members of the Imperial Union Club of Glasgow. He asked whether we are entitled to remain in India, and replied in the affirmative, first, because India could not possibly hold her own against outside aggression; and second, because there had been a great advance in the condition of the people under our rule, and, through the improvement of communications and the construction of irrigation works, famine and starvation had been made almost impossible. One of the difficulties of the Government of India, he said, was the educated classes; their extreme views, but those educated classes would not have been there had it not been for the British Government. The only one thing that really united India was the English language. There were 200 different languages in India; that showed how diversified the country was,—that it was simply a great congeries of nations and whatever of peace and of concord there was in India was due to the fact of our being there. Answering the question as to how we maintain our rule in India, whether by the sword or by kindly treatment, Lord Lamington said we were there by means of the sword, but it was now hung in its sheath. He considered that our great power in India rested upon our sense of justice—impartiality. One could not be long in India without realising how the native always went to the British to decide any matter between him and a neighbour. He thought that was the secret of our hold over India, rather than what we considered the desirable adjuncts of civilisation—education, sanitation, and such things. He did not believe the average Indian outside the educated classes cared much for those things.

THE AMERICA CUP.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Yacht.

New York, Dec. 18.

Sir Thomas Lipton's reported remark two weeks ago, on the occasion of the launching of the Shamrock, to the effect that there was "something in the boat that would considerably startle people when she is finished," has mystified the sporting writers on this side of the Atlantic, and many efforts have been made to interpret the meaning of the words. It is believed here that Sir Thomas Lipton's secret is that he has adopted the Yankee device known to yachtsmen as the centre-board, which will be utilised on the new challenger. Incidentally, says the report, possibly two American defenders of the coveted cup will also have a centre-board. Apparently the reason for fitting this device to racing yachts is to "negotiate" one of the rules governing the race, which requires that the boats shall have a draught limit of 18ft. 6in. Such a draught, it is argued by experts, is not enough for a boat designed to challenge or defend the "blue ribbon" of the seas. To get the maximum results out of a seventy-five footer she should draw at least 15ft., which is not permitted; but with the aid of a small centre-board placed in her keel she could get practically the same results, without paying a tax for it in time allowance. Experts here do not forget to emphasise the fact that any misplacing of the centre-board might mean the failure of the boat.—Daily Telegraph.

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